

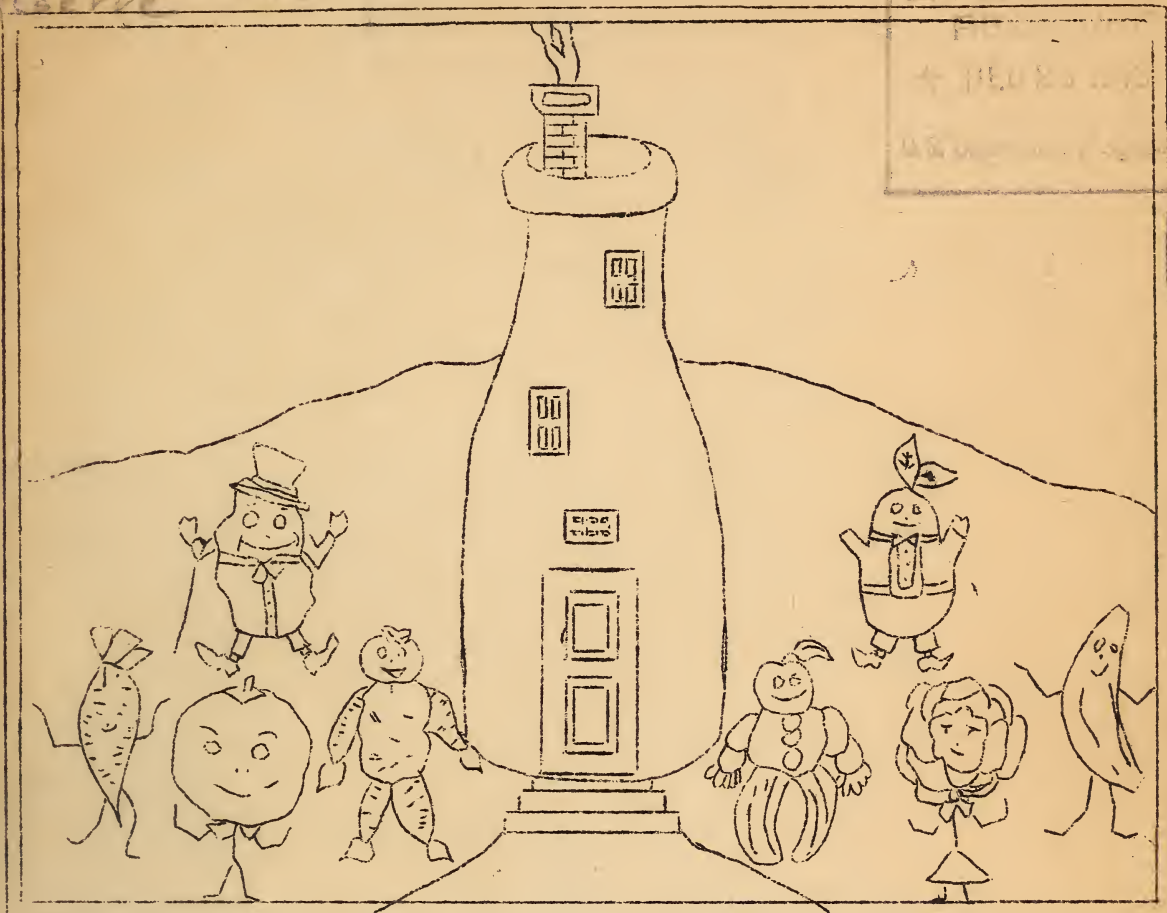
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NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FOR 1943-44 FDAWhat Is It?

The Community School Lunch Program is designed to provide a balanced noon meal for school children, and to develop their education along the lines of the nutritive values of food. In addition to the insurance that all children will have at least one meal a day designed on a body-building basis, the plan also is aimed to aid farmers in the long-term development of better domestic markets for agricultural commodities.

How Is It Financed?

Funds for the maintenance of the program have been made available by Congress, with appropriations totalling \$50,000,000 for the nation. Of this amount, \$312,000 has been allotted to North Dakota.

How Were North Dakota Funds Broken Down?

Upon recommendation of the State School Lunch Committee at a meeting held in the Department of Public Instruction Office in Bismarck on August 17-18, it was decided that the North Dakota funds would be divided on a basis of school census enumeration, teacher-unit, and past participation in the lunch program. Accordingly, these three factors were used to determine the amount of money available for counties, and an equitable distribution of the funds has resulted.

Funds available for each county must be requested by sponsoring agencies not later than December 1, 1943. Such funds as have not been claimed by counties in the state by the deadline date will be made available for use in other counties which require additional funds for lunch programs.

Of the \$312,000 for North Dakota, \$12,000 has been temporarily earmarked for a reserve fund, and for participation by child-welfare agencies in the program. This amount likewise must be encumbered by December 1, when reallocation of funds will be made.

Who May Participate?

Any non-profit public, private, or religious school or child care center will be considered eligible to participate in the program provided that federal assistance is necessary in order to operate an adequate program serving nutritious lunches to all children.

Who May Sponsor The Program?

School systems or boards, parent-teacher groups, American Legion Posts, service clubs, or other civic groups may sponsor the School Lunch Program, and will be acceptable to FDA as the "Sponsoring Agency".

What Is The Function Of The Sponsoring Agency?

The Sponsoring Agency is responsible for operation of the program, including the purchase of food, supervision of the preparation and serving of meals, maintenance of records covering cost of foods purchased, and prompt monthly remittance of claims for payments due.

Who Heads County Participation?

A County School Lunch Committee may act as a County Sponsoring Agency to supervise all county participation. FDA recommends that the committee include the County Superintendent of Schools, representatives of the County Nutrition Committee, the Associate County Agent, if one is employed by the county, a home economics instructor, the secretary of the County Welfare Board, the public nurse, representatives of the Red Cross, or other civic-minded persons interested in the program.

The chairman of the County School Lunch Committee, may, at his discretion, approve applications from Sponsoring Agencies without the necessity of calling a meeting of his committee. All applications for participation in the School Lunch Program must be made to the State FDA Office through the County Committee, and receive first approval by that office. Applications then must be approved by the State FDA.

How Are Claims To Be Paid?

FDA will provide each Sponsoring Agency with a simple form which shows the number of meals served, the type of meal, and the amount due. This form should be filled in by the Sponsoring Agency and sent to the chairman of the County Committee, who will send to the State FDA Office a statement of the total funds due his county for the month. Payment of the claims will be made in a lump sum to the County Sponsor, who in turn will disburse the amounts due each school.

In the event that a County Sponsor has not been designated, local sponsors are to mail claims directly to the State FDA supervisor. Payments will then be made directly to the local sponsor.

What Forms Are Necessary?

Elimination of red-tape is featured in the handling of the School Lunch Program this year. The application-contract form, and monthly claim form are the only items specifically requested by FDA. Both of these forms are simple in nature.

Is Extensive Bookkeeping Required?

No. Sponsoring Agencies, however, will be required to maintain sales slips, receipts, and other records which will be sufficient to substantiate claims for indemnity. FDA will provide a simple form for this purpose if the sponsoring agencies desire. Spot-checks will be made occasionally by FDA to determine correctness of records and claims, and sponsors should possess all data necessary to prove validity of claims.

Where May Food Be Purchased?

Food may be purchased from any farmer, wholesaler or retailer. Receipts should be obtained for each purchase.

Food listed in the agreement under which FDA reimburses sponsors includes milk and cheese, fresh and dried fruit, fresh and processed vegetables, bread, salt pork, ham and bacon, fresh meat and poultry, eggs, dried beans and peas, soy-bean products, peanuts and peanut-butter, oleomargarine with added Vitamin-A, lards and other edible fats and oils, and cereals.

Is There A Choice Of Types Of Lunches?

Yes. There are three types of lunches available:

- TYPE-A: A complete lunch providing one-third to one-half of the days nutritive requirements with an indemnity of 9¢ per meal.
(without milk - 7¢)
- TYPE-B: A lunch less adequately nutritious at 6¢ per meal.
(without milk - 4¢)
- TYPE-C: One-half pint of fluid milk, 2¢ indemnity.

Schools may serve either Type A or Type B lunches, but may not serve Type A and B together. Type C (milk only) may be served separately in addition to either Type A or B. FDA however, will reimburse sponsoring agencies for only one type of meal per day per child.

What Must Sponsors Contribute?

Sponsoring Agencies must provide the labor involved in the preparation of the food, equipment, maintenance costs, and costs of such food served above the amount stipulated by the application and contract with FDA, and for such foods not on the approved list. Under the present North Dakota laws schools may now hire cooks for the purpose of serving regular meals to school children. Sponsoring Agencies, however, may deem it advisable to secure funds with which to pay cooks through other methods, or they may secure voluntary assistance.

What Charge Is Made To Children For Meals?

Sponsoring Agencies will determine the amount each child will pay, but in all cases, where a child cannot afford the slight charge of the meal he will receive it free of cost. No distinction or segregation of any sort may be permitted between paying and non-paying children.

Does FDA Provide Suggested Menus?

In addition to a menu planning guide utilizing the specified foods, FDA will provide an Executive Secretary to the State Nutrition Committee. She will be a trained nutritionist and her services will be available in an advisory capacity to all Sponsoring Agencies.

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